



# Levy Funded – Rapid Flashing Beacons

## 2013 Crosswalk Initiative

August 1, 2013



Planning

Design

Construction

Complete

- Improve Sidewalk Connectivity and Access to Transit
- Enhance Pedestrian Facilities
- Improve Safe School Walk Route

*Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we make improvements to your neighborhood.*

**What:** Kirkland is known for its focus on pedestrian safety. By passing the Streets Levy in 2012, Kirkland residents made pedestrian safety an even higher priority by boosting the funding for sidewalks and crosswalks in Kirkland neighborhoods. Thanks to the Levy, the City Council is fast tracking a crosswalk initiative using two years of Crosswalk Levy money to replace several out of service in-pavement flashing beacons with new highly visible and energy efficient warning lights.



The Rapid Flashing Beacons (RFBs) are attached to the pedestrian crossing sign and emit an amber-colored flashing light when activated by pedestrians. The light warns approaching drivers to yield to pedestrians (and bicyclists) entering the crosswalk.

**Where:** Several existing in-pavement flashing crosswalks have reached their expected life span or are no longer in service and have been identified for upgrading. The City is working to maximize the number of RFBs to be installed through economies of scale by completing 2013/2014 improvements this year. The total number of RFBs to be installed in 2013 will be determined incrementally with a goal of at least ten locations. In addition, the City's Capital Improvement Program will install RFBs in four locations. There will be three construction sequencing phases, with the first aimed at completion prior to school starting in the fall. See map on reverse side.

**When:** Construction by the City's contractors is expected to begin in early August and continue to the end of the year. Specific schedule information for each crosswalk will be posted and updated periodically on the City's website [www.kirklandwa.gov](http://www.kirklandwa.gov) (search *Crosswalk Upgrade Program*). Typical hours of operation are Monday-Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Many factors, including weather, could influence the schedule and actual days work is being done.

**What to Expect:** Generally, one lane of traffic may be used by the contractor after 9:00 am and before 3:30 pm.

- Traffic control and flagging operations will be in effect.
- No-parking signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of any parking restrictions.
- Emergency vehicle access will be maintained throughout the construction process.
- Easy access to information and construction updates:
  - Call the construction hotline: (425) 587-3838.
  - Contact Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator 425-587-3011 (KPage@kirklandwa.gov)

**Alternative Formats:** Persons with disabilities may request materials in alternative formats. Persons with hearing impairments may access the Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service at 711. **Title VI:** It is the City of Kirkland's policy to ensure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the provision of benefits and services resulting from programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with the City of Kirkland. For questions regarding Kirkland's Title VI Program, or to file a complaint with the City of Kirkland contact - Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator at 425-587-3011 or [KPage@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:KPage@kirklandwa.gov).

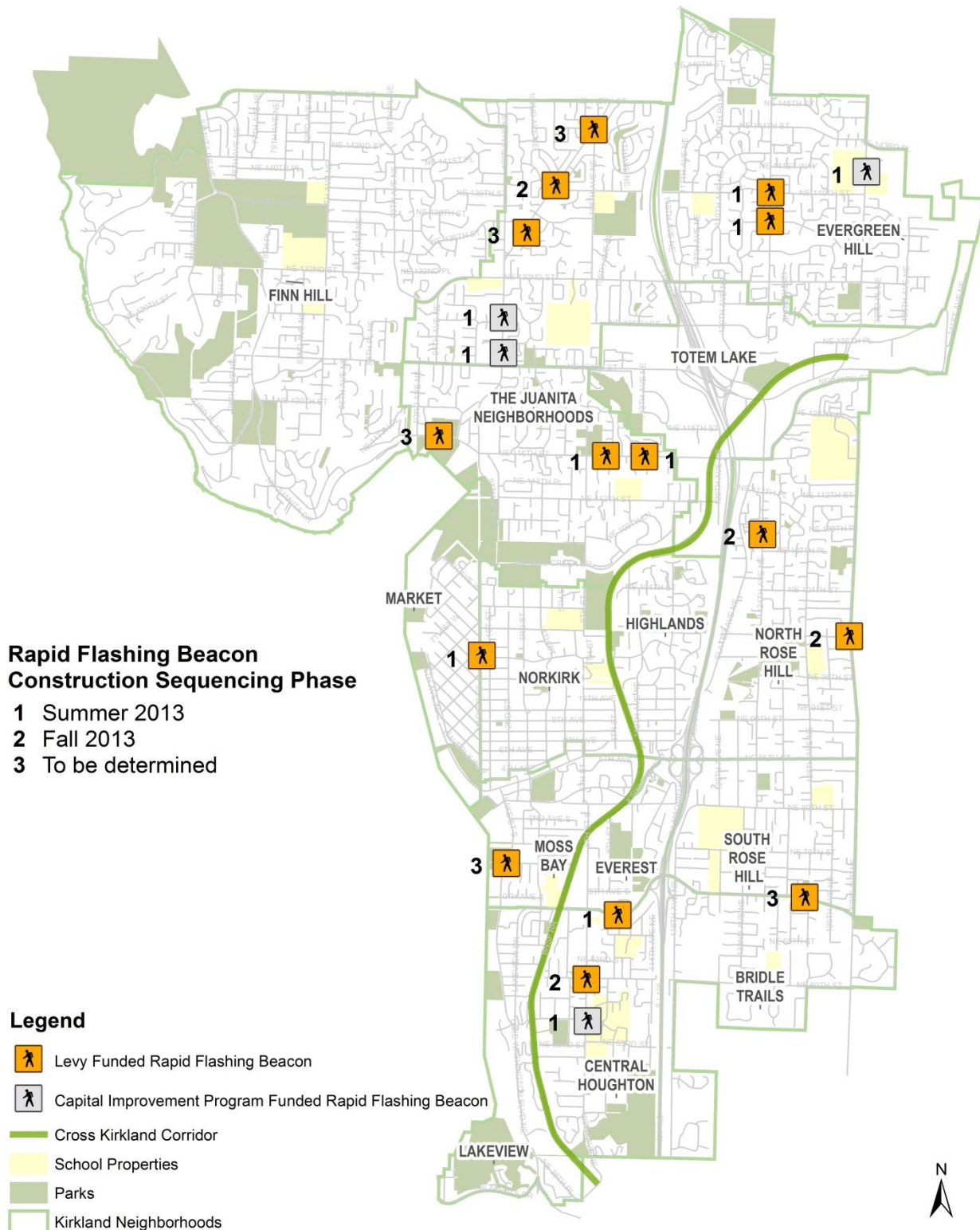
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**For more information on the project/ Para más información:** (\* Señale su idioma y llamaremos a un intérprete. El servicio es gratuito.)

- 24-hour project information hotline/ Para más información\*, 425-587-3838
- Alternative formats available/711 (TTY Relay)
- Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, [KPage@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:KPage@kirklandwa.gov), or 425-587-3011
- Andrea Swisstack, Project Engineer, [Aswisstack@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:Aswisstack@kirklandwa.gov), or 425-587-3827